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south robertson neighborhoods council

Candidate Name: Jose L Lopez

Board Seat: At-Large

NC Zone: Lives in Zone 3

Optional, but encouraged: Would love to serve to better the community

Legal Affirmation: yes

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Candidate Name: Nikita Nosov

Board Seat: At Large

NC Zone: Lives in Zone 9

Optional, but encouraged:

Legal Affirmation: yes

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 6/15/23

(Board Members)

Land Use Committee	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Joseph Mollaie, Mitch Cohen , Jon Liberman
Business Advocacy & Development Committee	Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Jon Liberman , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Shirley Traum, Joseph Mollaie , Baila Romm
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman
Parks and Recreation Committee	Barry Levine, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine, Sandy Block, Benji Karben
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes , Richard Bloom, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm , Joesph Mollaie, Daniel Ferszt
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger , Terrence Gomes,
Homelessness Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine
Education Committee	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman , Benji Karben
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Barry Levine
Budget & Finance Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman
Board Development	Baila Romm ,



Motion for the SORO NC to require the submission of the community reports in writing.

Agenda Item: (GB061523-03)
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

This board is established to represent the people and to get the people's work done. While receiving community reports, and sharing them with the public, is an important factor in measuring the effectiveness (or failure) of this board in accomplishing its duties, **"getting things done" and doing the work of the people** takes paramount precedence, and requires and deserves more of the already scarce time of this board. Community reports often consume a significant amount of time in general board meetings, resulting in inadequate time for the council to discuss and act on Unfinished Business and New Business. Requiring that the Community Reports be submitted to the council in writing would allow adequate time for the board to complete more vital business.

Proposed Motion:

This Motion for the SORO NC proposes changes to the how "community reports" are presented in the General Board meetings, as follows:

- Representatives responsible for presenting community reports will be required to present their reports to the general board in writing, with a deadline of 72 hours before the general board meeting.
- After the report is submitted in writing, the representatives will continue to attend the general board meetings so they may answer questions from the board members and the SORO stakeholders.

Considerations:

Committee review: Recommended	Votes For:	Against:	0
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Arguments for:

- Reduces time spent on hearing community reports and reallots them for the general board to accomplish more for the stakeholders.
- Will create a detailed written record of the community reports.

Arguments against:

- May reduce interaction between representatives of elected officials and stakeholders/members of the public.

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Motion for the SORO NC to Oppose CF 23-0036, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation.

Agenda Item: (GB061523-04)
Date: June 15 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

[Council File 23-0036](#): Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation /Unarmed officers. In recent months, there have been a number of uncivil disruptions and unrest at Los Angeles City Council meetings by members of the public. These disruptions have effectively shut down the conduct of the people's business, resulting in meeting delays and the Council being unable to address important stakeholder concerns. Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez has introduced this resolution to develop mediation methods, rather than enforcement, to deal with uncivil and unlawful disruptions at meetings. The motion also seeks a report on disarming police, who protect our City Council members. Such changes would be unworkable and dangerous. Speakers and audience members at meetings should follow the rules while engaged in civic discourse, not break them. The proposals would only encourage lawlessness and more disruptions of Council operations, and threaten the safety and security of our elected representatives. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0036. LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0036>

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Motion for the SORO NC to Oppose CF 23-0002-S28, Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence.

Agenda Item: GB061523-05
Date: May 18, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background:

Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. Assemblymember Gabriel has introduced an Assembly bill that would impose a state excise tax on firearms and ammunition costing Californians \$110 million each year. This bill would only result in further, unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. It would prevent many Angelenos from being able to afford a firearm for self-defense in crime-plagued neighborhoods. A tax on ammo and firearms simply would not prevent criminals and gangs from committing violent acts. At a time when crime rates are up and local district attorneys are not prosecuting many crimes, the right to self-defense by law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and not hindered. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S28. LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S28>

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. Assemblymember Gabriel has introduced an Assembly bill that would impose a state excise tax on firearms and ammunition costing Californians \$110 million each year. This bill would only result in further, unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. It would prevent many Angelenos from being able to afford a firearm for self-defense in crime-plagued neighborhoods. A tax on ammo and firearms simply would not prevent criminals and gangs from committing violent acts. At a time when crime rates are up and local district attorneys are not prosecuting many crimes, the right to self-defense by law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and not

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Motion for the SORO NC to Support CF 23-0002-S43, Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm

Agenda Item: (GB061523-06)
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background:

[Council File 23-0002-S29](#): Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. Catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise throughout the state. 1,600 catalytic converters are stolen every month in the state. Thousands are stolen every year in Los Angeles alone. More needs to be done to stop this criminal scourge. [Senate Bill 55](#) has been introduced in the Senate to prohibit the sale of new or used vehicles unless the VIN has been engraved or etched onto the converter. This would make it more difficult for thieves to fence stolen converters, and thereby reduce thefts. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S29.

LINK:https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.vie_wrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S29

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support [Council File 23-0002-S43](#): Title, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=2023_20240SB43 / Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. This bill would revise the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) that governs involuntary detention and mental health treatment for individuals found to be a danger to themselves or others. It would expand the definition of what constitutes being “gravely disabled” to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or substance abuse disorder. This change in the law would make it easier for authorities to get mentally ill and drug-addicted homeless individuals off of the streets and into life-saving treatment programs. This is a practical way to deal with the service

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resistant homeless who continually refuse help by outreach workers. It would benefit not only the affected individuals and their families but local neighborhoods adversely affected by criminal activity and open drug use of the service resistant. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S43.

LINK:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S43>

CIS:

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Motion for the SORO NC to Support CF 23-0002-S32, Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land.

Agenda Item: (GB061523-07)
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background:

[Council File 23-0002-S32](#), Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. State [Assembly bill 1082](#) would weaken the laws on removing vehicles that have been issued 5 or more parking citations and prevent DMV registration for unpaid parking penalties. The bill would: (1) prevent a peace officer from removing a vehicle with 5 or more parking citations; (2) repeal the authority to conduct a lien sale of a towed and stored vehicle; and (3) extend the authority to remove a vehicle with an expired registration from 6 months to one year. The lessening of penalties on parking scofflaws would only encourage more lawlessness and increase the number of abandoned vehicles in our city. Councilmember Lee's motion OPPOSES this impractical Assembly bill.

LINKS:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=2023_20240AB

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=2023_20240AB1082

https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=2_3-0002-S32

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support supports [Council File 23-0002-S32](#), Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. State [Assembly bill 1082](#) would weaken the laws on removing vehicles that have been issued 5 or more parking

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https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1082

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S32>

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General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1633 Preuss Street, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B.

- 1. Call to Order 7:53 pm by Ken Blaker**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben**
Absent: Joel Weinberger, Ellen Lanet,
14 Present 3 Absent
- 4. General Public Comment: Public Speaker 1-**
- 5. Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas- Ken Blaker- We have a carryover item from unfinished business requiring Community Reports be submitted 72 hours before meeting; In person meetings are more communicative and civil. This will lead to action
 - b. Other Brief Board Announcements- Baila - City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutors have be reassigned to roam the halls of the courthouse by Heide Soto-Feinstein. Richard Bloom- A bill involving hybrid meetings states as long as you have quorum you can attend via zoom but only for emergencies or a just cause. We are good at getting members bad at retention; we can address perhaps in the next meeting. Michael Lynn- SB411 passed the State Senate- now onto the Assembly. Looks likely it could go to governor's desk in late September. Could vote in October or November to go back to zoom or in person.
- 6. Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda)- Not Present
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) – Not Present
 - c. Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Gave Report
 - d. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Gave Report
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Vacant)
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
 - g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) Not Present

- h. Office of Mayor Bass (Vacant)
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Zachary) Gave Report
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Gave Report
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant)
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Vacant)
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals & Resignations

Public Comment: None

- a. Notice of resignations of Jacob Shofet, Resident Zone 1 Representative (2025), and Dina Leeds, Resident Zone 7 Representative (2025)
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative 5 - term expires June 30, 2025 (GB051823-01)
 - Applicant: Jose L Lopez – Not Present- No Vote was taken
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3) -term expires June 30, 2023 (GB051823-02)
 - Applicant Christopher Hayes Blackwood
 Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Michael Lynn
 Laurie Levine- if you are here beyond one month what are you interested in?
 Hayes Blackwood-anything to make the community better.
 Baila Romm- why do you want a one month only position?
 Hayes Blackwood- because of work
 Joseph Mollaie- if you could change one thing about the neighborhood what would it be?
 Hayes Blackwood- more events and local businesses involvement

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Christopher Hayes Blackwood (preferred name Hayes) entered the meeting as a Boardmember at 8:42 pm

- d. Motion to Appoint Business Representative 1 -term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 4 Representative) - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- f. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 6 Representative - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- g. Motion to Appoint SORO NC President
 Laurie Levine nominates Michael Lynn
 Moved to a vote by Laurie Levine Second: Joseph Mollaie
 Public Comment: None
 Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain
 Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no
Motion Passes

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)
 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees
Joseph Mollaie – remove from Transportation Committee

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve April 2023 MERS Report. (GB051823-03)
- b. Motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget. (GB051823-04)
- c. ~~Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05) Removed by Jon Liberman, Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie~~
- d. Motion to oppose the \$90 election location invoice received from the City Clerk. (GB051823-06)
- e. Motion to host a first responders appreciation day. (GB051823-07)
- f. Motion to have a town hall meeting on child protection on September 10, 2023. (GB051823-08)
- g. Motion for the SORO NC to Support LANCC Declaration of Rights. (GB051823-09)
- h. Motion for SORO NC to modify prior motion GB121522-08 to include the responsibility for clean-up of all of the streets in SORO to the purview of the Business Advocacy & Development Committee and to fund up to \$5000 to purchase equipment to perform these clean ups. (GB051823-10)
- i. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to not renew three of the four (4) paid Zoom licenses that are due to expire this fiscal year. (GB051823-11)
- j. ~~Motion to submit CIS in opposition to Council File 23-0036: Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation / Unarmed officers. (GB051823-12) removed by Barry Levine~~
- k. ~~Motion to submit a CIS in opposition of Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. (GB051823-13) Removed by Barry Levine~~
- l. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S29: Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. (GB051823-14)

- ~~m. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S43: Title, Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. (GB051823-15) Removed by Barry Levine~~
- ~~n. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S32, Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. (GB051823-16) Removed by Barry Levine~~

Roll call vote Consent Agenda Items a,b,d,e,f,g,h,i, only

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon,
Hayes Blackwood- ineligible

14 yes 0 no 1- ineligible

Consent agenda passes

11. New Business

- a. c. Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05)

Moved: Barry Levine Second: Jon Liberman

Roll call vote: Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

Yes: Barry Levine

Motion Fails

Items removed from the consent agenda j,k,m,n postponed until next month

12. Adjournment: 9:01 pm



Motion for the SORO NC to request Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky to write a letter of support for SB 411 (which will provide NCs the flexibility to have virtual meetings) to the members of the California Assembly Committee on Local Government

Agenda Item: GB061523-12
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

SB411 is legislation originated by CA Senator Anthony Portantino as an act to add Section 54953.4 to the Government Code (Brown Act), which makes provision for advisory bodies such as Neighborhood Councils to have the option to meet virtually.

SB411 has passed the California Senate and is now assigned to the Assembly Committee on Local Government (awaiting to be agendized for upcoming Hearing.) If passed in that chamber, it will go into effect immediately upon the signature of the Governor of California.

Proposed Motion

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Considerations	Committee review:
Votes For:	5
Against:	0
Arguments for:	Arguments against:



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Councilmember Heather Hutt
200 North Spring Street
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Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
200 North Spring Street
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Dear Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky;

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) General Board requests that you write letters to the members of the State of California Assembly Committee on Government in support of SB411 (Portantino) that will be discussed in a future Committee meeting.

Passage of this bill would allow Neighborhood Councils the flexibility to have the option of holding their meetings virtually or in-person. Virtual meetings have proved to increase participation by both Stakeholders and Boardmembers, especially at committee meetings. Quite a few SORO NC Boardmembers resigned recently, due to conflicts with the ability to attend in-person. Additionally, several committees have been unable to meet due to the lack of meeting space available during the evenings.

Here are the Committee on Government members and email addresses:

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Marie Waldron	assemblymember.waldron@assembly.ca.gov
Lori Wilson	assemblymember.wilson@assembly.ca.gov



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We thank you in advance for advocating on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



Motion for the SORO NC to request CD 10 and CD5 open a Council File and for the SORO NC to submit a CIS for Special Enforcement Zone L.A.M.C. Sections 41.18; 56:11 signs be posted in all school zones within SORO NC boundaries and include the adjacent school zone east of La Cienega between Olympic and Cadillac (CD10)

Agenda Item: (GB061523-13)
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

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Background

There are many preschools, elementary and high schools within the SORO NC boundaries. LAMC 41.18 prohibits anyone from camping and leaving personal belongings within 500 feet of any school. Posted signs make it clear to those looking for a location to set up their encampments or store personal belongings as to where the prohibited areas are in relationship to schools. The posted signs assist the LAPD with enforcement.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC request CD 10 and CD5 open a Council File and for the SORO NC to submit a CIS for Special Enforcement Zone L.A.M.C. Sections 41.18; 56:11 signs be posted in all school zones within SORO NC boundaries and include the adjacent school zone east of La Cienega between Olympic and Cadillac (CD10)

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Considerations

Committee review: <i>(Highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 7	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

We need to ensure the safety of of all school children. Homeless encampments pose a risk to their safety due to unsanitary conditions of the encampments, criminal activity including drug use, drug dealing, prostitution as well unpredictable behavior of untreated mentally unstable persons often found in the homeless population.